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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3730

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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NEW DELHI FOR LINEBERRY

E.9. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD ASEC NP

SUBJECT: PLANS FOR PROPOSED CONSULATE ANNEX -
PROPERTY 06460

REF: STATE 294370

1. EMBASSY GREATLY DISAPPOINTED AT A/FBO DEFERRAL (FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS) OF CONSTRUCTION OF CONSULATE ANNEX AND REQUESTS A/FBO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION.
2. PLANS FOR ANNEX WERE DRAWN UP BY FBO SUPERVISOR ENGINEER IN NEW DELHI, WHO MADE SEVERAL ON-SITE VISITS AND DISCUSSED PROPOSED ANNEX WITH CONCERNED EMBASSY OFFICIALS. THE PROPOSED ANNEX IS SIMPLE, ONE-STORY, 36-FOOT BY 36-FOOT STRUCTURE, HOUSING CONSUL AND TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WITH COOLING/HEATING BY TWO OR THREE AIR CONDITIONERS (RECIPROCAL TYPE). THE COST OF ANNEX IS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000 EQUIVALENT INDIAN CURRENCY.
3. IN VIEW OF APPARENT SUITABILITY OF PRESENT PLANS FOR CONSULATE ANNEX EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED BY A/FBO WHAT AREAS "REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP PLAN WHICH WOULD RESULT IN CONSTRUCTION OF SOUND, PERMANENT STRUCTURE ..." (PER REFTEL).
4. FYI THE EMBASSY HAS COUNTED ON CONSULATE ANNEX STRUCTURE TO ELIMINATE OUR WEAKEST SECURITY POINT, WHICH IS THE PRESENT

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CONSULAR OFFICE NOW IN LEASED SPACE APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES

FROM THE CHANCERY. FBO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE INSPECTORS
IN APRIL 1974 STRONGLY RECOMMENDED RELOCATION OF CONSULATE
TO CHANCERY GROUNDS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

5. AS ORIGINAL CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION CHANCERY
BUILDING NOT YET TERMINATED, PERHAPS ANNEX COULD BE BUILT
UNDER A CHANGE ORDER TO THAT CONTRACT WITH REQUEST FOR NEW
BIDS FOR THIS ADDITION TO CHANCERY BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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